

Columbia Park Draft Meeting Minutes for Monday Jan 23, 2017

Board Members: Melody Devine, Vickie Jensen, Joy Johnson, Jane McCarney, Mike Melman, Irro Mohamed, and Jeff Schalles

Other: Staff: Liz Wielinski, Aaron Rosental, Drew and Stephanie Peterson, Jillia Passenda

6:37 - Call to Order for Board Actions by Co Chair Melody Devine

- Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Jeff, 2nd Vickie, approved
- Approval the Minutes of November 21, 2016 Moved by Joy, 2nd Jane, approved
- Treasurer's Report- Receive and File Dec and January Treasurer's reports Moved by Mike, 2nd Jane, approved

– **Open Time** for public comment (this is new to give any neighbors or others who drop in a chance to speak to the board)

Jillia Passenda candidate for Ward 1 City Council seat introduced herself, talked about her platform and is here listening to be an advocate for the neighborhood.

Drew and Stephanie introduced themselves new neighbors on Main ST

- General Meeting

- New Business

The 2017 Minneapolis Earth Day Clean Up will take place **Saturday, April 22, from 9:30am – Noon**. Liz has a conflict and is unable to be site coordinator, looking for a volunteer.

Melody volunteered to be the coordinator this year. We will be at the same site near the parking lot in Columbia Park as in previous years. Liz will put Melody in contact with Erica at the Park Board

In order to have an operating budget while we submit our 2017-2019 budget, the NCR department needs us to roll over the remaining 2014-16 CPP funds to April of 2017 to get through until the new budget is approved. Motion to roll over remaining CPP funds by Jane, 2nd Jeff, approved

Proposed 2017-19 CPP budget: Liz went through how she came up with the budget. Asked board members to review and come back with comments next month.

Rankings of NPP projects via the survey for how to allocate our NPP and NRP rollover dollars. Still in progress, but need to have more filled out which will require us to go door to door.

- Old Business

Sidewalk at Hi View Park: Liz gave an update on the cost. She will work with MPRB to get it included with their bids for other sidewalks to try and get the cost down. But the estimated cost has risen to \$86,000 because of the slopes and need to have retaining walls at the south end of the park.

We will have 2 people doing raingardens with the remainder of our raingarden dollars in 2017. Liz will contact those who showed an interest now that the price has risen and get their names to Metro Blooms.

We have a bit of an infestation of Canadian Thistle in our Gateway Garden and may have to take a couple of gardens out of the rotation this year while trying to clean them out.

Jeff is working with Do Good Biz to get a better printer for the newsletter

– **Crime and Safety Update**
2PAC update

Vickie went 2PAC. The speaker was from the transit police, gave lots of facts and figures. Crime reports for Columbia Park... we are a pretty quiet neighborhood.

In our neighborhood there have been some kids from the duplexes on 37th AV up on other neighbors' garage roofs. Watch and report if you can as a non-emergency to the police.

– **Announcements/ Communications**

Listening Sessions with Senator Dzedzic and Representative Loeffler

Bottineau Park Multipurpose Room

2000 2nd St NE
Sat. Jan 28, 2017
10 to 11am

Windom Park Multipurpose Room

2251 NE Hayes St.
Sat. Jan 28, 2017
1:30 to 2:30pm

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- Give as little as one hour a week (we welcome more, if you are able)!
- Tutoring takes place Monday-Thursday during school hours (8:20am-3pm).
- Follow a highly effective, structured and easy-to-use curriculum.
- No formal teaching experience is required.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://readingpartners.org> or contact Kelly Rynda, volunteer coordinator, at kelly.rynda@readingpartners.org or (651) 362-0430.

Business on the corner of 37th and University is closed again.

- Adjourn: Moved by Jane, 2nd Joy, approved at 7:48pm